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Senior Tax Credit Task Force

Minutes of the February 15, 2007, meeting

The Senior Tax Credit Task Force met on February 15, 2007, in the Ellicott Room, Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Dr., Ellicott City, MD, at 2 pm.

The following members of the task force were in attendance: Ted Meyerson, Colin Burke, Frank Chase, Janice Bloodworth, Joel Yesley, Sara Hamer, Sherman Howell, Susan Buswell, Sue Brown, and Ron Weinstein.

Others from staff in attendance were Linda Watts, Jeff Bronow, Leo Oken, Jeff Meyers, Donald Stitely, and Terri Hansen.

The meeting was open to the public and press.

Chairman Meyerson called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

The minutes from February 6 were approved unanimously.

The draft [task force interim written report](#) was slightly amended and approved.

The chairman asked for suggestions for topics for future meetings. Those suggestions include: progressivity, portability, age, other tax relief programs, the County's experience once the tax credit goes into effect, outreach and education, state legislation, fiscal impact on the County, refined data on age, income, and home ownership, migration, and relief for seniors who do not own property.

The chairman reviewed all of the bills now before the General Assembly that affect property taxes. The task force voted to support SB 319 and oppose HB 812. The task force requests that the County Council take similar positions on these bills and notify the Delegation. The task force declined to take positions on the other bills. A list of the bills the task force is tracking is [on-line](#).

The task force discussed future meeting dates. A tentative meeting has been set for March 15, but, if legislation before the County Council is aligned with the task force's recommendations, then the meeting will be cancelled. Dates to note:

- County Council pre-file deadline for March bills - February 22
- County Council legislative session for introduction of March bills - March 5
- County Council public hearing on March bills - March 19
- County Council worksession - March 26
- County Council legislative session to vote on March bills - April 4 (delayed from April 2 because of Passover)
- Sine Die (end of the 2007 General Assembly session absent extraordinary circumstances) - April 9

The chairman requests that all members of the task force attend the public hearing on March 19 .

The task force adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Meyers